

STATE PSEUDORABIES ANNUAL REPORT - 2015

Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 166D.3(2), the State Pseudorabies Advisory Committee files the following report.

The State Pseudorabies Advisory Committee is established in Iowa Code Section 166D.3 and the composition of the committee and the responsibilities are set out the Code section below.

A state pseudorabies advisory committee is established. The committee shall consist of not more than seven members who shall be appointed by the Iowa pork producers association. At least four members of the committee must be actively engaged in swine production. The members shall serve staggered terms of two years, except that the initial board members shall serve unequal terms. A person appointed to fill a vacancy for a member shall serve only for the unexpired portion of the term. A member is eligible for reappointment for three successive terms. A majority of the board constitutes a quorum and an affirmative vote of the majority of members is necessary for substantive action taken by the board. The majority shall not include any member who has a conflict of interest and a statement by a member of a conflict of interest shall be conclusive for this purpose. A vacancy in the membership does not impair the right of a quorum to exercise all rights and perform all duties of the board. The advisory committee shall:

1. Inform and educate interested persons in the state, including persons involved in producing, processing, or marketing swine, regarding eradication activities under this chapter.
2. Review eradication activities under this chapter including the pseudorabies eradication programs. The committee shall make recommendations to the department and the inspection service and may consult with state officials regarding any matter relating to pseudorabies control and eradication, including departmental rules, other state or federal regulations, program areas, the use of vaccine, testing procedures, the progress of pseudorabies eradication programs, and state and federal program standards. The committee in cooperation with the department shall report to the governor and general assembly not later than January 15 the progress of pseudorabies eradication, including recommendations.
3. Maintain communication with other states and with the national pork producers council, the livestock conservation institute, and the inspection service.

Iowa became pseudorabies-free in 2004 and has maintained "State V (Free Status" since that time. No recommendations are being made at this time.